Enactment of comprehensive Leprosy Eradication and Rehabilitation of cured persons

1937. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different Central Laws contain derogatory/discriminatory clauses in relation to the Leprosy patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these clauses contravene and defeat economic and social rehabilitation of the patients; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to strike those clauses down and to bring a comprehensive legislation for Leprosy Eradication and Rehabilitation of cured persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Some derogatory/discriminatory clauses exist in the following laws/acts affecting Leprosy patients:

1. Leper's Act 1898
2. Motor Vehicle Act
3. Hindu marriage Act.

(d) There is no proposal to enact any legislation for leprosy eradication and Rehabilitation of cured patients Government however, propose to amend the relevant clauses affecting leprosy patients under different Acts.

Scheme of Border Area Development (Education) Programme

1938. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3007 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd March, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the present progress regarding implementation of the Scheme of Border Area Development (Education) Programme in Punjab;

(b) what amount was sanctioned for district Ferozepur and what amount has been actually released so far;

(c) what are the details of the project under the said scheme which have been undertaken and which are likely to be taken up in Fazilka sub-division; and

(d) if no projects have been undertaken at Fazilka what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the Government of Punjab and will be laid on the table of the Sabha as early as possible.

Percentage of delay in flights compartive to international airlines

1939. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of flights delayed by more than half an hour in Indian Airlines, Air India and Vayudoot; and

(b) what is the comparative international airlines figures of delayed departures?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) The percentage of flights delayed by more than half an hour during the last one year in Indian Airlines was about 26% and in Air India and Vayudoot about 9%.

(b) Comparable figures of international airlines about delayed departures are not available. Statistics in respect of international lines are not maintained by any of the three airlines in India.